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The outgoing Governor's message is printed in full in this issue. The message of Gov. Crittenden will be published next week.

Joe Pullitzer and Frank J. Bowman are going for each other through the public prints. Let the patient, assinine public switch its ears forward.

Sara Bernhardt will play at the St. Louis Grand Opera House next week. The sale of tickets began Tuesday, and continues for three days. The demand is "immense."

Gen. Cockrell last Friday received an almost unanimous nomination by the Democrats of the Legislature for U. S. Senator. His election will follow, as a matter of course.

According to the late census report, the United States of America greets the New Year with a chorus 51,000,000 strong. The year 1900 will see us with a population of mighty nigh a hundred millions.

The Legislature is now in full blast. The choice of a U. Senator will not interfere with the prosecution of the regular business, and we may reasonably expect our law-makers to accomplish their allotted task within the seventy days allowed by the constitution.

Mr. Plaislet will probably be the next Governor of Maine, after all, some of the more reputable Republicans in the Legislature refusing to take a hand in the project to swindle him out of the office to which the people elected him last fall. Yet let no person be too sure; when an honest administration of law, or justice toward an opponent, depends upon the will of a Republican to do the "square thing" it's on a sandy foundation, as it were.

From all that can be learned from rumors, and the general run of affairs, there will be no change in the management of the I. M. R. R. Soper will no doubt be retained as Superintendent, and of course under him there will not be many changes made. Under his charge the Road, has become one of the best governed and equipped in the West, and his retention under the new regime will receive the approval of all classes—citizens and employees alike.

The following are the chairmen of the various committees of the State Senate: Ways and Means, Cotter; Judiciary, D'Armand; Agriculture, McMahon; University, Stephens; Penitentiary, Walker; Retrenchment and Reform, Mackey; Accounts, Mabrey; Insurance, Naylor; Banks and Corporations, Heard; Enrolled Bills, Bradley; Engrossed Bills, Edwards (St. Charles); Elections, Headlee; Criminal Jurisprudence, Byrnes; Education, Lloyd; Internal Improvements, McGrath; Immigration, Cabell.

Having been worsted in the late "coin fight" in Nevada, the Republicans have been boastfully threatening to unseat Mr. Fair when he gets into the Senate. It is such a vastly different thing when a Democratic bonanza king stalks in from the long-witnessed spectacle of a couple of Republican money-bags resting undisturbed in Senatorial arm-chairs, that the traditional morality of the Republican party is shocked at the mere prospect of such a scene. Having their virtue roused to the proper pitch of indignation, however, they will probably find themselves in a condition to appreciate the contests threatened by the California Democrats, who object to that State being represented by a man who has obtained the succession to Senator Booth by the most shameless bribery. Meanwhile some of Kellogg's performances in the bribery line are likely to be up for consideration and the Republicans of the Senate will know all about bribery before Fair reaches Washington.—*Republican*.

Monday's Post-Dispatch contained a four-column article descriptive of the various low "varieties" of St. Louis. The picture drawn is sufficiently horrible. As the P.-D. says, "These hotbeds of vice are nightly doing more to ruin the youth of this city than all the other evil influences of the town combined. There is nothing in them which is not vulgar, impure and criminal. They are man-traps baited with harlots and rot-gut whiskey and they appeal irresistibly to youth and inexperienced learning the world. That they are conducted in this open and shameless manner need be no cause for surprise, because the function of the police of this city has narrowed down to a vanishing point, and no one can say what they should or should not do. In one of these dens a reporter counted over five hundred boys, all of them earnest and conscientious students in this college of crime, many of them prepared some day to graduate into the penitentiary or the insane Asylum. All of these immoral and brutal shows are running under license. The proper authorities have seen fit, after, of course, proper inquiry, to grant them

leaves to do their business. It seems to us that the protection afforded the law-abiding people of St. Louis, and to their children is becoming very like a farce.

Improvement in Missouri.

The recent message of the Governor and reports of the other officials of Missouri present so cheerful a picture of our State's general condition, and so marked a superiority in some aspects over the other well-governed States in the Union, that we may be pardoned for directing special attention to the subject.

First, then the State taxes in Missouri are low—only 40 cents on the \$100. One-half, or 20 cents, is for general expenses; the other half is for paying interest on the debt, and the debt itself, as it matures—and for no other purpose. These taxes are found ample for the purposes, and are the only state taxes levied on property. Their proceeds constitute, together with certain licenses, the entire revenue.

The free educational system of the State is steadily growing in extent and efficiency, and is at this time in a better condition than it ever was before. The number of children of school age—5 to 21 years—in creased from 676,153 in 1877 to 723,484 in 1880; and the total funds held in trust for school purposes in the state amount to \$3,950,805. The colored people share the benefits of the schools equally with the whites.

Perhaps the most gratifying fact presented in the recent official reports and papers is the marked improvement in our criminal administration. The number of convicts in the single penitentiary in the State actually decreased from 1,272 in 1879 to 1,218 in 1880—a falling off of 55. This surprising fact is accompanied by another not less surprising; the penitentiary, instead of being a burden to the State, is self-supporting and a trifle more. Its earnings in the last two years were \$32,901 greater than the cost of maintaining it. During that time the earnings were \$211,617, and the expenses \$178,715; excess of earnings, \$32,901. Another fact illustrating the improvement in our criminal administration is the diminution in the cost of criminal prosecutions. Hitherto this item has been \$200,000 to \$244,000 a year, but in 1880 it was only \$126,697—a reduction of \$82,149 from the preceding year. This reduction is attributable partly to changes made in the laws regulating costs; but it is partly attributable also to a marked decrease in crime. Gov. Phelps says in his message: "Fewer crimes have been committed, and the interminable delays which were incident to the administration of criminal laws in a large portion of the State have ceased to impede the demands of justice." This is a simple statement of truth. Crime has decreased in Missouri; the population of the penitentiary has diminished; the laws are more rigorously enforced; desperadoes have been driven from the State; and public opinion is more intolerant of crime and demands a stricter dealing with law-breakers than ever before. In a word, Missouri is remarkably peaceful, prosperous and exempt from causes of agitation and tumult; and her people are steadily progressing in habits of industry and thrift and improving in moral bearing, intelligence and public spirit.—*Republican*.

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J. W. WILKINSON, Reporter.

FINE FARM FOR SALE—Our old and respected friend, Dr. M. Thomas, offers for sale his farm, containing 453 acres of choice land, situated in Bellevue Valley, Iron county, Mo., one-half mile south of the town of Bellevue, five miles west of Pilot Knob, and six miles south of Caledonia. 250 acres in cultivation—large portion for years. Good house, barn, and stables; also, three good tenement houses on other portions of the farm, for employees; fine yard and shade trees; several nice orchards of fine fruit; several fine springs of never-failing, pure water. He will also sell all his stock, consisting of horses, mules, cattle and hogs. Also, farming implements, if desired. The farm is in good repair, and a large portion in fine crops. Terms reasonable. Apply to the editor of this paper.

Order of Publication. In the Circuit Court of Iron county, Missouri, October Term, 1880—Thursday, November 4th, 1880: The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of James Buford, collector of the revenue of Iron county, Mo., against Margaret M. Whitney and Phil. E. Baker and all unknown interested parties. [Action to Enforce Payment of Taxes.]

Now at this day comes the plaintiff, James Buford, collector of the revenue of Iron county, Missouri, and shows to the satisfaction of the court

that the defendants are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law; it is, therefore, ordered by the court that publication be made, notifying said defendants aforesaid that an action has been commenced against them in the circuit court of said county, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the State of Missouri for back taxes for the years 1874 to 1878, inclusive, on the following real estate, situated in Iron county, Missouri, belonging to said defendants, to wit:

The east half of the northeast quarter, in section 14, township 34, range 2 west; (An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amounts of taxes, interest and costs now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$5.51, is filed with said petition, as provided by law.)

And unless they be and appear at the next term of said court, to be held for the county of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse, in said county, on the fourth Monday in April next, 1881, and on or before the sixth day thereof, (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term,) and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and cost, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Iron County Register, a weekly newspaper published in said county of Iron, and State of Missouri.

A true copy: Attest, with seal, this 31st day of [SEAL.] December, 1880. J. HUFF Clerk, Iron county circuit court

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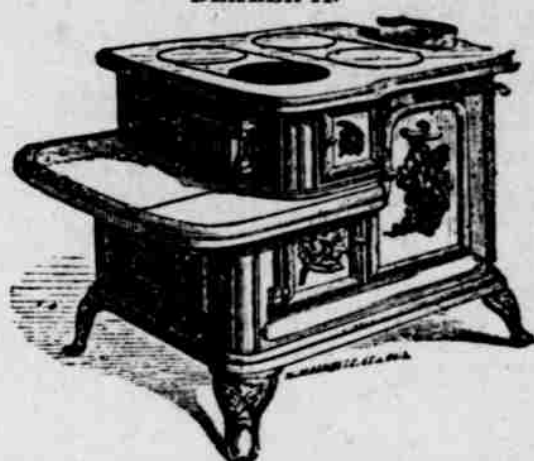
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
COUNTY OF IRON,)
In the Probate Court of the County of Iron, November Term, 1880:

Now at this day comes Jacob T. Ake, administrator of the estate of Robert Downey, late of said county, deceased, and presents to the court his petition praying for an order for the sale of certain real estate of which said Robert Downey died, seized, described as follows: West half of section twenty-four (24), in township twenty-four (24), north, of range two (2) west, in the county of Oregon, in the State of Missouri;

To pay the debts of said estate; which said petition was accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories as required by law, showing that said estate is indebted, and that said debts are unpaid, and that there is not sufficient assets on hand to pay the same. On examination thereof, it is ordered by the court, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, be notified that application as aforesaid, has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court, to be held on the first Monday of February, (1881) next, an order will be made for the sale of the real estate in said petition described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient for the payment of said debts, and the expenses of such sale. And it is further ordered that this notice be published in some newspaper published in said county of Iron, for four weeks prior to the next term of this court.

A true copy. Attest: JOHN F. T. EDWARDS, Judge of Probate, of Iron county, Mo.

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Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, Randolph Reed and T. J. Keathley and Mary E. Keathley, his wife, by their deed of trust, dated the 16th day of August, 1880, duly recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds for the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, in Book "X," page 200, did convey to the undersigned trustee the following described tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, viz:

All of lot number eighteen (18), in block number two (2), in the town of Shaverly, Iron county, State of Missouri; boundary of said lot—sixty-six (66) feet by one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet, in section seventeen (17), township thirty (30), north, of range four (4) east.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain note therein mentioned and described; and, whereas, default having been made in the payment of said note;

Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the terms of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned trustee, will, on

Saturday, January 22d, 1881, at the east front door of the courthouse in the City of Ironton, Iron county, Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, sell, at public vendue, the above described real estate, to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said note and the costs and expenses of this trust.

JAMES N. SEMANIS, Trustee.

List of

Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Curators whose annual settlements are due on estate in their charge at the February Term, 1881, of the Probate Court of Iron county, Mo., to be begun and held at the courthouse in the City of Ironton, in said County of Iron, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1881:

WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY.
Buckner John E. and John R. Hampton, Administrators of Joseph Hampton, deceased.
Dinger Franz, Curator of Lena, Mary, William, Charles, Bertha and Henry Koeben, minors.
Moore Mrs. M. J., Curator of Mary N. Moore, a minor.
Leslie George W., Curator of Mary Myers, a minor.
Collins Moses P., Adm'r of Charles Monroe, deceased.
Pinkley Louisa, Curator of John, Adeline and James Pinkley, minors.
Russell John H., Curator of Alexander H. Reynolds, a minor.
Miller John A., Curator of Augusta, George and Frederick Weigler.
Attest: JOHN F. T. EDWARDS, Judge of Probate.